

As a long-term amateur radio operator, I strongly encourage you to reject the Power Companies' proposal to allow Broadband over Power Lines (BPL). My main arguments against BPL are: (1) that its proven interference in the 2-30+ mhz range will be devastating to the current primary users in that range; (2) such interference is not outweighed by the alleged benefits of BPL; and (3) indeed such interference will negatively impact/eliminate amateur radio's ability to provide long-haul emergency communications (just remember 9/11/2001).

Here are some additional details supporting those arguments against BPL:

- (a) See the well founded Comment previously submitted by The American Radio Relay League (ARRL) on Docket ET 03-104.
- (b) No credible scientific evidence exists to support the comments made by proponents of BPL. This would cause a reasonable person to proceed cautiously and engage experts to further study the thorny issues involved before any further action by the FCC.
- (c) That research effort needs to include explorations of what needed innovations/protections that a future, modified BPL proposal sorely needs to avoid the great risk that the currently proposed BPL will cause irreparable interference to services licensed to operate in the 2 MHz - 80 MHz frequency range.

In conclusion, I hereby submit that approval of ET 03-104 (BPL) would violate the existing FCC rules on non-interference and would be contrary to the best interest of the public.

Respectfully submitted,
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